

## JUST GLEANINGS

### TOO INQUISITIVE MICE

Two inquisitive mice chewed a box of matches at William Brining's home at Florence, N.J. The matches fired Brining's hunting coat. The flames set off a box of shotgun shells in a pocket and the pellets scattered through the house. Brining and his family fled from bed. On the floor below the burning coat they found the riddled bodies of the mice.

### CHANGES IN COMPENSATION RATES NOW EFFECTIVE

EDMONTON—Legislation reviving Alberta Workmen's Compensation Bill for accidental and medical aid funds were brought into effect January 1st.

The legislation passed by the Alberta house this year provides maximum deductions from payrolls for medical aid will be reduced to five cents for each working day and the minimum boosted to one cent. Rates formerly ranged from one-half cent to ten cents a working day.

In most classes, 1939 rates for the two funds will be lowered, but in a few cases there will be unavoidable increases.

### BREAK INTO THE U.S. MINT

SAN FRANCISCO—The new armor-plated and heavily guarded United States mint was raised in the middle of a 15-year-old boys who got in by scaling a wall and raising an unlocked window.

Bedlam broke out in the huge fortress of granite and steel—supposedly impenetrable—when a guard saw two prowlers in the copper store room. Lights went on, bells sounded and angry-voiced men with machine guns appeared.

A police inspector said the boys had tossed out of a window a big sheet of copper from the room where plans were made.

Asked how they managed to enter the building the youths said it was simple. We climbed to a pipe on the second story and crept around a ledge until we found a partly open window. We just pushed the window open and dropped down inside. That was all there was to it. It was easy, said the boys.

### THOUSANDS VISIT HOT SPRINGS

One of the newest tourist attractions of Jasper park which proved popular during the past summer season was Miette Hot Springs, according to officials of the Alberta Motor Association. Costing more than \$80,000, the new bathhouse and swimming pool was one of the main attractions. More than 12,000 people made use of the bathing facilities provided.

These famous hot springs are among the hottest on the continent, reaching a temperature of 120 degrees Fahrenheit. They are believed to have been known and used by Indians and early travellers for medicinal purposes.

The waters of the Miette springs pour from the limestone rocks at an estimated rate of 170,000 gallons every 24 hours.

Aaron Klansen, manager of Carbon store of the Builders' Hardware Ltd. said a business visitor to Calgary this week.

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## ANNUAL BONSPIEL OF THE CARBON CURLING CLUB JAN. 17, 18, 19

Expect Large Entry This Year With 13 Local Rinks

The annual bonspiel of the Carbon Curling Club will be held this year on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, January 17, 18 and 19. Considerable interest is now being shown in the event, which promises to be equal to bonspiels of past years.

The prize committee is now busy gathering up prizes for the various events and those in charge expect to have a fine array of jewelry for this year's curling event.

The bonspiel of the Carbon Curling Club has proven in past years to be one of the best in the smaller towns and with thirteen regular rinks being entered from town, a large entry this year is anticipated. Besides the local rinks, entries are expected from Acme, Drumheller, Irreana, Rockyford, Town and Swallow, and a possible entry from three Hills.

Other local rinks that may be formed and outside entries are asked to put in their entry to the Carbon bonspiel as early as possible.

Len Foxon is the bonspiel secretary and all entries should be sent to him. Should the number of rinks entering be large the bonspiel will take four days to complete and Carbon supporters and spectators will no doubt be treated to many interesting plays before the finish of this popular event takes place.

## LITTLE NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST TO READERS

The death of Mrs. Sidney Gale occurred in Calgary last week. The late Mrs. Gale was a sister to Thomas and Robert Little of the Carbon district.

Mrs. J. C. Spence of Calgary was a Carbon visitor last week and returned to the city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ramsay and Barry have returned to Craigmyle after a visit with relatives in Carbon.

School re-opened in Carbon Tuesday for the winter term and public school children now have until 9:30 in the morning before classes are called.

## WHALES HUNTED WITH GUNS

Much of the romance and practicality of the danger to men and boats has been practised off the northwest tip of Vancouver Island. The old hand-harpoon has given way to the harpoon which is a special powder. The head of the harpoon carries a special explosive, which explodes on impact, striking a whale, causing instant death, instead of the long hours of agonized suffering that the older method inflicted.

Canada and the British commonwealth are fortunate that a great crude oil pool is developing in Turner Valley in the Province of Alberta. Only a few important oil fields are located under the British flag. Most of the oil used by the British Navy has to come from foreign countries and by routes that would be vulnerable in time of war. The oil of Turner Valley has come along at an opportune time for the British admiralty.

The Chamberlain Government has bungled the defences of Britain it will scarcely ignore the development of this great new oil field under the British flag.

The matter is not less important to Canada herself. This country is spending \$60 million dollars yearly in purchasing foreign oil. Yet the Turner Valley field is capable of producing sixty thousand barrels of oil per day and the million barrels of oil which is roughly one-half of the requirements of the Canadian market.

It is possible for much of the oil to be brought across country to Sarnia to displace oil that is imported for refining. But the railway would not give a reduced freight rate on Alberta oil. They are languishing for lack of traffic and should so alter the business with the determination to get it. Every month improves the prospects of the Alberta field. The present export of the oil-bearing area has doubled and will continue to increase. The estimated maximum quantity in the field already is placed at one and a half million barrels.

Something would be wrong with the mentality of this country if it sympathized down its oil wells and limited the production of its oil companies and burned as waste immense quantities of natural gas while it continued to send sixty million dollars of good Canadian money abroad for imported oil and piled up huge steam railway deficits.

## 20 PER CENT REFUND ON CAR LICENSES BY JAN. 10

Final date for obtaining a 20 per cent rebate on 1938 car licenses will be January 10, according to information received from the provincial secretary's department.

By this date license plates must be delivered or turned in to the provincial secretary's department by those who desire to obtain the maximum rebate of 20 per cent on the license fee paid for the year.

Provision in the Motor Vehicle Act authorizes the rebate to be paid by the provincial treasurer. Last year rebates amounted to approximately \$20,000. On account of good driving conditions up to the end of the year, little interest in rebates was shown by motorists. With the warm weather continuing and roads throughout the country still open, it is expected that the rebate this year will be about half of last year.

## LITTLE ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Bill Dixon was a Calgary visitor last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Fairbairn and family arrived Sunday from Calgary and spent the New Year holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S.P. Torrance.

Hugh Cameron left Tuesday for Drumheller to look after the bookkeeping course at the Youth Training School.

In a hockey game at Carbon Sunday afternoon, Carbon won from Heeketh by a 1-0 score. Carbon players were G. Lemay, F. Coxon, Ralph Atkinson, R. Lemay, Norman Nash, Don Williams, B. Heath, A. Kapanian and Ken Leitch.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. McQuade and Betty of Calgary spent a few days this week visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. G.L. McFarlane.

Carbon Scouts hockey team defeated the Verkh's hockey team on Monday at the Heeketh rink, 7-6.

Norman Crimmon arrived back last week after spending the holiday at the home of his parents in Drumheller.

There will be no service at the Anglican church, Carbon, next Sunday, January 8th.

An error occurred in this column last week when it was stated that the Rev. Frederick Alf of Linton, N.D. and he expects to arrive this week with his family from the States.

## CASHING IN ON OUR ASSETS

(The Toronto Star)

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## FAIL PRECIPITATION IN WEST BRINGS OUTLOOK FOR A GOOD 1939 CROP

Final Outcome, However, Depends On the Spring Rains

Judging by the fall moisture that occurred, the chances for a good crop on the prairies are better than last season than they have been for any season since 1923. The precipitation which occurred during the months of August, September and October, for the three Prairie Provinces, and all weighted for west acreage, was 105 per cent of normal as compared with 50 per cent for the same period last year.

The percentages of normal of the fall precipitation for the Prairie Provinces separately, are as follows: Alberta 98 per cent; Saskatchewan 118 per cent; and Manitoba 66 per cent. Experience has shown that the precipitation which occurs during the months of August, September and October, after harvest and before freeze-up—plays an important part in making moisture reserves available for the crop to produce a normal yield per acre, and also this reserve enables the crop to tide over periods of less than average rainfall that may occur during the growing season.

The present situation can be interpreted to mean that, if we are favoured during the coming season over the Prairies, an average yield per acre (or about 10-14 bushels) should be produced; always bearing in mind, however, the possibility of reduced yields on account of erosion and other soil damage that may happen to the crop after the rainfall has made the yield per acre. Damage from rust, however, it would seem, will no longer be a factor in reducing yields.

## LITTLE ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Miss Myrtle Oliphant left last week to visit with relatives at Hinton, Alta.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Pernann died Sunday and funeral services were held Wednesday.

J. M. Macdonald returned Monday after spending the Christmas vacation in Calgary.

If you know of any news items send them in. The Chronicle is always glad to hear of any news events that may occur from time to time, of any visitors you may have, or of annual meetings of school districts and societies that may occur.

Miss Alice Lacombe returned Monday from the Christmas vacation.

Dick Appleyard of Calgary was out for the week-end holiday.

The Alberta government defaulted Monday on a debenture maturity of the million dollars. This brings the total defaulted bonds to \$2,100,000, since the present administration took office in 1935.

Miss Lillian Tighe of Didsbury returned Monday to resume her studies at the Carbon school.

SERVE CANADIAN FINN HADDE FOR BREAKFAST

With a good breakfast, the family gets into the best of health. Try it with a smile and "Isn't this a grand day?" being. This Canadian Finn Haddie is an ideal breakfast that is nourishing, delicious and easy to prepare. And it's really a grand breakfast for a busy mother on the days when the family struggle down to breakfast and the children have to be ready to go to school.

It keeps at the right serving temperature in the tin. (What mother hasn't had to stop and serve a chewed thumb in a mitten, or help the youngest into a frock?) That's the time when breakfast that "waits" without spoiling really counts!

1. Can you Haddie (2 lbs.) 1 cup water 1 cup warm milk 2 tablespoons butter.

2. Add the fish and water and simmer until thoroughly heated. Drain and add 1 cup of warm milk and two tablespoons of butter. Place in the oven to keep warm, but do not leave long enough for the milk to curdle.

The fish is simmered in water, so the milk is not curdled. Serve the milk at a high temperature. Serve with a garnish of Canadian bacon curls. Serves 6.

With fruit, and a hot cereal and a glass of milk, the Canadian Finn Haddie is an ideal breakfast.

## PINE WEATHER RETURNS HERE

With the weather until Christmas day, cold map following appeared to be much worse than it actually was, although last Wednesday evening the temperature dropped to forty below zero, only to rise to 20 below before morning. From that time on there was a gradual rise in the temperature and a blizzard wind Tuesday of this week brought the thermometer to the 40 above mark, making a rise of over eighty degrees in five days.

Only about three inches of snow covers the ground on the level and the stock is ranging the fields and farmers report feeding conditions excellent for this time of year.

## PERSONNEL OF RINKS OF THE CARBON CLUB

The following is the personnel of the rinks of the Carbon Curling Club for 1939. The first mentioned is skip, with the other members playing third, second and lead respectively.

G. H. Dablaw, Sam Clyde Anderson and Merle Anderson.

A. Paxon, Cy Paxon, B. Stall and G. Paxon.

H. Woods, O. Schelle, L. Halstead and Vic Lafl.

H. J. Schep, B. Charlbois, J. Silver and Pat Poole.

Jas. Plaw, G. Cadman, W. Harvey and C. Paxon.

Rev. McDonald, Syd Wright, A.J. McLeod and Norman Crimmon.

S.J. Garrett, F. Barker, J. Schmidt and Gottlieb Schell.

A.F. McKibbin, V. Harney, C. Paxon and Syd Cannings.

F.J. Bessant, R.C. Downey, P. H. Stora and Arnold Ohlsson.

Percy Edwards, J. M. Macdonald, Dick Gibbie, Eye Hawkins and H. C. Wilson.

S. N. Wright, Jack Atkinson, Jack Barber and Leon Coates.

Wick Scott, Frank Emery, J. Hunt and Douglas Ross.

CANADA'S CREDIT BALANCE FOR 1938 EXCEEDS \$226,000,000

OTTAWA—Canada will have a credit balance on its world trade for 1938 of approximately \$226,000,000, according to estimates based on bureau of statistics returns for 11 months and interim reports for December. Last year the excess of the value of exports over imports was \$16,000,000.

Canada's exports this year of domestic products will total around \$922,000,000 and foreign goods re-exported around \$44,000,000. Imports will approximate \$686,000,000.

The big increase in foreign goods exported this year as compared with the year previously is due to shipment of goods of the country of cotton, gold, Canada's gold reserve has been made up of gold districts and countries.

It was understood that the Bank of Canada was able to sell certain cotton goods and replace it with newly mined gold bars from Canadian mines.

Miss Viola Graphon is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Woods.

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SECOND HAND 8-TUBE VICTOR RADIO, complete with brand new batteries ..... \$27.50

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FLANNELETTE PYJAMAS—\$1.55; \$2.00; \$2.50

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"THE MASTER HAT OF CANADA" FEATURING THE NEW FALL RANGE OF HATS. SILVERTONES, BROWNS, NEW BLUES, AND GREENS IN THE NEWEST STYLES. \$1.95; \$2.95; \$3.95

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## THE WORLD OF WHEAT REVIEWED WEEKLY BY MAJOR H.G.L. STRANGE

We are all gravely concerned at the moment about the alarming decrease that has taken place in the world's demand for export wheat which decrease in turn has naturally seriously reduced Canada's own exports.

The Canadian people are not yet agreed upon a plan that might solve the difficult problem. Of one thing, however, all are agreed upon, which is that the superior quality of Canadian wheat must be maintained; and furthermore that the world must continue to be reminded of that superior quality of our good wheat.

Recently I visited the famous International Hay and Grain Show at Chicago. It was with satisfaction and pride that every Canadian visitor could see, conspicuously posted on the walls of the famous Exhibition Hall, a long list giving the names of the Canadian exhibitors who won world's championships for wheat.

The news of these high winnings in the wheat world is good news for the far ends of the earth. It occurred to me that our farmers, our Governments, and all of us, therefore, owe sincere thanks to the management of the Chicago Hay and Grain Show for telling the world so generously about the championships which Canadians have won, and so about the high quality of our good wheat.

Following factors have tended to raise wheat prices: High temperatures cause apprehension for Argentine corn crops. The Argentine exports of \$85,000 bushels of Canadian wheat, U.S. 1938-39 winter wheat crop forecast at 485 million bushels, versus 687 last year. Continued good feed grain demand in Europe. China purchases Australian flour cargoes. Drought conditions continue in northwest India.

Following factors have tended to lower prices: U.S. Department of Agriculture indicates world wheat supplies may be largest on record. Navigation of the Red Sea larger than last year. Arkansas sugar beet harvest progressing rapidly with good yields.

## CHEMICAL COINCIDENCE

Although "Colophane" is thirty yrs. old, it was only last year that the inventor of the process for making it, J.E. Beaulieu, saw his original goal achieved. Spilling some wine on the table cloth of a Paris restaurant, he noticed that the wine had stained the cloth. He then made a tablecloth and other textile materials, and he made experiments, which resulted in the discovery of a method of making cellulose film, solvent of most problems, but not the one of rendering textiles stain-proof. The inventor's dream of a world of stain-proof tablecloths and bed linen, made possible last year, however, with the discovery in England of a finishing agent that renders fabrics durably stain-proof and water-repellent.

Buy Your Needs in Carbon!

## STOCK-TAKING SPECIALS

- MEN'S COWHIDE MITTS, PER PR. .... 79c
- WOOL MITTS, PER PAIR ..... 25c
- SKI JACKETS, HEAVY BLANKET CLOTH, EACH ..... 4.75
- SKI PANTS, ZIPPER SIDES, PER PR. 3.25
- BOY'S HEAVY BLACK STOCKINGS, PER PAIR ..... 29c

## THE FARMERS' EXCHANGE

RED AND WHITE STORE

"This is the fifth time you have been brought up before me," said the judge severely. "Yes, your honor," replied the offender. "When I like a feller, I generally give him all my business."

## DON'T FORGET YOUR SUNSHINE VITAMINS

PURETEST COD LIVER OIL, (the Quinaplates favorite) 16 oz. bottle ..... 1.00; 8 oz. bottle ..... 50c

SCOTS EMULSION, two sizes 16 oz. bottle ..... 84c; 8 oz. bottle ..... 45c

BOOTS MILK & LARD LIVER OIL ..... 84c; 41c

PURETEST COD LIVER OIL ..... 49c; 38c

EVERYDAY CARDS for all occasions, Birthday, Convalescence, Birth Announcements, Shower, Wedding Anniversaries, Sympathy, Etc. Each ..... 10c and 15c

McKIBBIN'S DRUG STORE

A.F. McKIBBIN, Pharm. B., Prescription Specialist, CARBON, Alta.



# National Health Council Scientists Help To Shape The Destiny Of The Dominion

Scientists of the National Health Council of Canada at Ottawa help shape the destiny of the Dominion with research into the steel industry, airplane construction, and development of a rest-resistant steel.

Development of rest-resistant steel represented a saving this year of more than \$25,000,000 to private farmers, he said.

"In a single season we have had a return many times greater than total expenditures over nearly 20 years by the council, the department of agriculture, the western universities and the numerous other agencies which have co-operated."

Countless accidents and fatalities early in Canada's airplane history probably were averted by the testing division of the council whose X-ray examinations revealed flaws in 90 per cent of the castings.

Canada's steel industry faced ruin after the Great War because of high costs, but an important new industry established by the council saved it.

"In pre-war years our industry made extensive use of refractory furnace which had its origin in Austria," General McNaughton said. "The war cut off this supply and a native industry was able to develop on a basis of the high prices which could be obtained."

The council then developed the new product which now supplies Canadian steel mills and is exported to the extent of \$1,000,000 annually.

"By 1936 there had been a five-fold increase in employment in the plants over 1932, and as the fuel used is Nova Scotia coal, and other materials are largely of native origin, the benefits to employment in Canada have been widely distributed and multiplied."

Hormones, vital elements in all living matter, were made synthetically for the first time in the chemistry division of the Ottawa council. Experiments now treating wheat with hormones seem to indicate greater yields and earlier maturity, General McNaughton said.

In one experimental field this year, wheat treated with synthetic hormones yielded 6.8 bushels an acre more than the "control" field, had a 20 per cent greater straw content and ripened several days earlier.

Research, and more research, is the great need of Canadian industry today, General McNaughton concluded. Research can cut costs, reduce waste, find new products and establish industries.

## Twelve Years On Ships

Dead Mate Stowaway Is Closely Guarded At Every Port

Twenty-four-year-old Leon Reilly, a deaf mute, seems doomed to sail the sea for life, for no country wants him. When he arrived at Waterford, Ireland, on the steamer *Brith*, where he was declared an undesirable alien by the customs official and ordered back to Havre.

At each port he is guarded by police until the vessel sails. He is said to have been wandering for 12 years. He remained on one ship for three years.

## Bird Hotel De Luxe

Was Built For Private Garden Of Minnesota Man

A most unusual and elaborate bird house to adorn a private garden is the striking shelter built by Richard H. Bergstrom of Minneapolis, for Phil J. Noonan of Alexandria, Minnesota. The martin house contains 3,000 places of lumber and 13,000 screws, nails and other materials. An entire winter and spring were required to construct the unit. Complete with special roofings, front porches and midget tailings, the unique bird house is one of the features of Mr. Noonan's "Little Bird Heaven," a garden which in 1932 was visited by 80,000 tourists from all parts of the world—Christian Science Monitor.

Average-sized tires on an automobile revolve 43,000 times a mile if the car is driven at 60-mile-an-hour speed.

A Dublin goat was arrested for eating posters off billboards.

## Review Of A Writer

Opie Read At 86 Is Still In The Midway Picture

Still full of marrow and humor, Opie Read, the last of a writing and playwriting tribe which included Mark Twain, Eugene Field, John Galsworthy and Artemus Ward, has turned 86.

Having no health trouble except a recent touch of "Rockefeller stomach" which he remedied by judicious dieting, the white-haired author is free to devote his time to reading, writing and conversation, prime pleasures of his crowded years.

Settling into a rocking chair sturdy enough for such a giant of a man, Opie Read tossed off, "Philosophy is the understudy of truth," and added bitingly that a lot of American editors were running around in a rather shocking state of intellectual decollete.

"I honestly think we should never be governed by anyone who has not known the influence of great books," he asserted. "It is not that I would wish to be ruled by merely bookish men, or that I mean men who always want to talk about books are necessarily the salt of the earth; but to my way of thinking, profound leadership comes from the man who has in his mind the influence of noble literature."

Being better acquainted with himself at 86, Read said, "I haven't that ignorance of my own existence which ignorance always believes it is favored by the Lord."

"Our literary scene doesn't seem very attractive to me," he said. "We may, of course, develop a literature of which we at present have no conception, yet nobody believes there ever will be another Shakespeare. The literature of the future may be a different species; it may go hand in hand with science."

## An Unusual Party

Michigan Miners Celebrate Their Christmas 1,400 Feet Below

Work stopped at the Morris Iron Mine in Ishpeming, Mich., for half an hour on Christmas Eve, but an unusual Christmas party, 1,400 feet below ground, was held.

This has been an annual event at the mine, owned by the Inland Steel Company, since 1920. Charles Miron, general manager, has favored the celebration, was invited to attend. He now is at the Penn Mine in Vulcan, Mich.

A Christmas tree, chopped from nearby Michigan's woods, was the centre of the subterranean festivities.

"There was singing of carols, and 'Gentle Jim' Fowler, timber boss, garbed as Santa Claus, distributed gifts. The unique ritual actually resulted from a joke, but it has come to mean much to the husky men who toil underground. Eighteen years ago an evergreen tree fell to the ground near the mine shaft. A prankster dropped it down the opening and it was tossed into the corner. Miron conceived the idea of decorating it and letting the miners have their own annual celebration."

## Grows By Action

Human Mind Does Not Develop Without Constant Use

The Creator has so constituted the human intellect, wrote Daniel Webster, that it can only grow by its own action; and by its own action it grows free will, it certainly grows necessarily grow. Every man must, therefore, educate himself. His book and teacher are not helps; the work is his.

A man is not educated until he has the ability to summon, in an emergency, all his mental powers in vigorous exercise to effect its proposed object. It is not the man who has seen more men, or read more of Troy had not the pre-eminence because nature had given strength and courage to the largest hero, but because self-discipline had taught him how to bend it.

The deepest mine in the world, the Robinson gold mine in South Africa, Rand, extends about 9,000 feet below the surface of the earth, or approximately a mile and three-quarters.

## A REAL CHINCHILLA



The true Chinchilla, extinct in a wild state, is now being bred on the Chiswick Castle Estate, Norfolk, England, by Mr. Fletcher Roberts, who brought his first animals from Chile. Note the peculiar tail of the animal.

## Comprehensive Problems

Scientists To Determine How Research Works Effectively

How science effects the well-being of society is the comprehensive problem facing a committee of distinguished scientists. The committee was established to work the division for the social and international relations of science formed at the last meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science at Cambridge.

Just to give an idea how comprehensive the subject is, the main purpose is "the objective study of the effects of science in science on communities and reciprocally the effects of social conditions upon the progress of science; and the encouragement of the application of science to promote the well-being of society."

Here's the program the committee has suggested for its work: The economic requirements of nations; The influence of scientific and technical developments on the relative importance of different industries and on the total volume of employment.

The question of supplementing existing national research organizations whether in normal circumstances or at a time of emergency; Co-ordination and subsequent publication of work; The needs of research in social psychology.

Desirability of a consumers' research council; The technique, use and distribution of light meters.

## Not Taking Any Chances

An excited man rushed up to a bookmaker just as the three horses in the race were at the post, and put \$100 on one of them.

"That's great," he said, delightedly, as the bookmaker handed him his ticket.

"You seem sure of winning," said the bookmaker.

"I am," replied the punter. "That horse won't be beaten."

"I wouldn't be too sure if I were you," replied the bookie. "I happen to own that horse."

"That's all right," said the punter. "I own the other two."

The camel is a mere immigrant in the Sahara desert, according to scientists who found a petrolium camel's head near Puyallup, Wash., and who declare that the camel originated in North America, about where Nebraska is situated today.

## Something Novel For Your Kitchen



PATTERN 6245

Tuck your potholders in a windmill case when they're not in use and let them add a decorative note to your kitchen wall. Bright print scraps will do for the tulp potholders—a plain material for the windmill. Three towel motifs—extra kitchen—complete the set. Pattern 6245 contains a transfer pattern of three motifs averaging 6 x 8 inches; pattern for potholders and windmill case; material needed, illustrations of stitches, color schemes.

To obtain this pattern send 25 cents in coin (change cannot be accepted) to Household Arts Department, Winnipeg Newspaper Union, 170 McDermott Ave. E., Winnipeg.

There is no Alice Brooks pattern book published.

# Democracy Must Cherish Its Right To See The Humorous Side Of Life

## Not Built For Comfort

Park Apartments Have Hot In Summer, Cold In Winter

The war ministry pondered whether it should abandon five moderate apartment houses which were too hot in the summer, leaked in the fall and were so cold in the winter that even sturdy mobile guardsmen could not live in them.

An investigation was started after 700 shivering guardsmen—reputedly the toughest in France's armed forces—moved out, declaring that kites a foot long hung from radiator taps and that water froze solid in wash basins.

The 15-story apartments were built two years ago, and stand opposite the flying field at Le Bourget. They were to supply cheap housing for workers, but most of the workers moved out last summer because the apartments were too hot. The rest left in the fall when rain poured through the roofs.

The guardsmen with their families, were moved in by the government early this winter. Water pipes froze and the indoor cold wave hit. The guardsmen sent their families out, but held on for a while. They finally decided that they couldn't take it when thermometers inside the apartments registered 21 degrees above zero Fahrenheit.

## Lord Nuffield's Creed

British Manufacturer Who Has Benefited Mainly With Lavish Bonifications

Vicomte Nuffield, whose long purse has produced about £13,000,000 (about \$65,000,000) worth of bonifications ranging from aid for distressed areas to iron lung for Empire hospitals, talked about his creed the other day.

"If I just want to pass out feeling that I have done my best," he said, "if a man can die that way there is nothing much more he can do. I propose for the rest of my life to do as I can for mankind."

"What I have done others could do. I don't think they will regret it. They will regret it when they are passing out."

He said he had given £31,000 to the Morris Orthopaedic hospital at Oxford, home of the little bicycle repair shop which started him on the road to mass production of automobiles.

## Stewardess Preferred

Passengers On Air Lines Like Girls Better Than Men

Mary Musson, 27-year-old airline stewardess, was telling us, says the *Toronto Telegram*, that she would only be a stewardess a month, an average of not quite three hours a day. "Why so little?" was asked. Mary didn't know. "I was all the time required and that the high altitude made the work pretty strenuous. The airplane clipper ships, we learned to have stewardesses instead of stewards for this reason. Attendants is thought to be hard on women and the run is some 20 hours. But menengers prefer a pretty girl to wait on them and the airline company is now testing applicants for beauty hearts so that a switch can be made. The maximum weight of 120 pounds we were told, is stipulated because aisles are narrow in planes and the company doesn't want ungainly stewardesses."

## Monastery To Let

Occupied By Catholic Order During Reign Of Henry VIII

The Registrar's House in Charterhouse-square, E.C., once a monastery of the Charterhouse order, is to be let at £300 a year.

After King Henry VIII had turned out the monks he used the Charterhouse as a hunting box for sport in the fields around St. Pancras and Islington. Later it belonged to the Duke of Norfolk. Queen Elizabeth stayed there to prepare for her coronation in 1558.

Every evening at 8 o'clock, even now, there is a curfew for the Charterhouse brothers. They are old men of the family who have fallen on hard times.

The bell tolls once for each brother. There are fifty-nine in residence—London Sunday Express.

"Have you heard of Mr. Loud?" asked a great maidmaker.

"Heaven! Has she lost her voice?" "No, her husband has lost his hair."

His naval vessels of the United States have borne the name of "Wag."

Man, as the saying goes, is the animal that laughs. The statement is not, of course, quite accurate. The hyena laughs, as do certain birds, and the horse cannot always keep a straight face. However, man is doubtless the only animal who cannot live and keep sane without laughter. It is laughter that makes the behavior of individuals and the absurdity of institutions bearable; and we need it because both individuals and institutions, in the end of time, are bound to be more or less absurd on occasion.

These reflections are induced by some comments of Mr. David Low, the English cartoonist, published in the official organ of H.B.C.—the British Broadcasting Corporation—says Mr. Low, "there is more that is inherently absurd in the world today than there ever was, it is only because of the greater contrast between man's vastly increased power and his use of it."

Indeed, if they are good ones, can stand being laughed at—so Mr. Low thinks. Christianity, the motor car and the industrial revolution, all survived ridicule. Personalities are more vulnerable. The bigger the laughing the easier it is to poke holes in it.

"The leader who sets himself up as a god," says Mr. Low's opinion, "is laughing at it." But does he get it? In countries now more deeply under a boss thumb, where the healthy development of individual personality is most needed, it does not take place. American cartoonists have done wonderfully well in caricaturing their Italian contemporaries, no matter how much their fingers tickle, dare not distort it. Duce's massive lower maxillary, for example, are those rare artists who in former times helped bring a sense of proportion to the political life of Germany? Even Mickey Mouse is suspected and Donald Duck would be in the dock.

One concludes that there is no right a democracy ought to cherish more tenaciously than the right to laugh at anything and anybody. It thinks is funny. Mr. Low hints that this right may not be safe in England, and would mourn its loss there, or in France, far more than its loss in Germany. Territories may be lost, spheres of influence may be contracted, the road to India or Tunis may be threatened, but civilization can survive if a joke contains to scold a joke and is not disguised as a great man or a great idea. For, appealing as some of the world's great men and great ideas are, they are also funny.

It is tragic laughter that would ruin the world today if all mankind were free to look at its predicament in its proper light. But it would be healing laughter. New York Times.

## Striking Out Afresh

Elderly Minister From England Taking New Foot in Vancouver

It is not every man in the sixties who has the courage to strike out and take on a big new job in a new country.

But Dr. P. W. Norwood, formerly minister at the City Temple, London, has decided to accept an invitation to become minister of St. Andrew's Wesley Church, Vancouver—one of the biggest churches in Canada. "Yes, I am over 60," Dr. Norwood said from the depths of an armchair where he was waiting to discuss his decision with members of the National Free Church Council of his London headquarters. "Striking out afresh? Well, life is like that, you know. I hope I shall be striking out on new ventures when I am 89. I am in perfect health. That is the great thing. I am capable of just about anything as long as I live. My friends may think I look a little older than I feel—but I don't feel it. Dr. Norwood will take up his appointment next October—Overseas Daily Mail.

In China, fishermen rig their boats with white varnished boards, which slope into the water. On moonlight nights, this mistake the board for water, dash upon it, and slide into the boat.

The longest railway platform in England is said to be the Victoria and Albert station platform in Manchester, which is 2,184 feet in length.

Six days after coming from the egg the honey bee is 1,500 times as heavy as when it emerged.

The man who gives in when he is wrong is wise, but the man who gives in when he is right is married.



## EXPECT TOURIST SEASON WILL BE EARLIER IN 1939

Montreal.—The visit of the King and Queen to Canada in May will start Canada's 1939 tourist season, it is eight weeks earlier than usual, travel executives here said.

Tendency of tourists to stay on this side of the Atlantic will combine with the visit of their Majesties to stimulate travel throughout Canada, tourist officials said, but they are undecided whether the New York world's fair will be a serious deterrent to Canada's holiday visitors.

Special trains for the New York fair are being routed through Canada from Chicago and other western United States points as an added incentive for fair visitors. Captain Carroll, Quebec tourist bureau publicity director, said this development would bring thousands of tourists to Canada and result in many of them remaining here for part of their holidays.

Canada's attractions will be advertised at the New York fair. "Visitors to the fair will still want a holiday," suggested Carroll. "They won't consider the fair a holiday."

"Many New Yorkers will come here during the fair. They will want to get as far away from home as possible because of the outside crowds. And we hope to convince those who travelled long distances to the fair that they should come a little farther and visit Canada. Many of them will be so fed up with the crowds after a couple of days they'll want something as different as Canada is."

The royal visit will undoubtedly start the tourist season much earlier this year than the normal mid-July, bringing to the Dominion visitors from other parts of the world, and from other parts of this continent, said Vernon G. Carby, chairman of the executive committee of the Canadian Association of Tourist and Publicity Bureaus.

Bookings at Quebec City hotels are already "quite heavy" by persons intending to be present when the king and queen arrive in Canada, Carroll said.

The tourist industry in North America probably will continue to be influenced favorably in 1939, the disinclination of travellers to go to Europe, Colin A. Gravenor of the Mount Royal hotel, said.

Quebec province has distributed 1,000-foot scenic film photographed in color during a 2,300-mile journey through the province to show its attractions to other countries. The film will be shown in 5,000 theaters in United States during the next year, the additional prints have been ordered for showing in Great Britain and France.

## Vigilance Needed

Gives Warning Against The Spread Of Militaristic Systems

Lima, Peru.—State Secretary Cordell Hull warned American republics they may have to exercise "utmost vigilance" to resist the spread to this hemisphere of militaristic systems which threaten to ruin the world.

"We know that there has been a great bitterness between nations," Hull said in his prepared address. "We know that in much of the world trust in any form of agreement has completely vanished. We know that might has stated it would have its way, and that it would recognize no equal except might. . . . Such is the world we may have to deal with."

"Our task must be cast in the opposite direction. We choose, instead, to strengthen the basis and principles of peaceful relations, order and equality among ourselves in the midst of this world."

He said the Pan-American method was not well understood outside, "especially by those who feel they must form their judgment instantly and pass it on."

"The very essence of our process is the quiet exchange of views among equals."

## Petition To The King

London.—The king has obtained a hearing with labor department head for a delegation of unemployed who asked him to use his prerogative to obtain an increase in unemployment benefits during the winter months of half a crown (60 cents) weekly.

## Montana Earthquake

Helena, Mont.—A three-second earthquake was felt here at 3:53 p.m. Dec. 28. The federal weather bureau reported it was felt around the city and as far as the smaller town of Ennis Helena, six miles away. No damage was reported.

## World Trade War

Reich Pitting Its Strength Against Democratic Countries

Berlin.—A world trade war, with the Nazi Reich everywhere pitting its economic methods and propaganda machinery against the influence of the pound sterling and the dollar, is the forecast for 1939 in informed circles.

While a high official in the economic ministry reaffirmed Germany's determination to strengthen its commercial hold in southeastern Europe, the press warned Germany would use the United States as a competitor in South America.

At the same time Berlin's intention of extending its dealings in the Far East was evidenced by the animosity with which high Nazi quarters commented on Anglo-American credit grants to China.

Budolf Brauns, reich secretary of state in the economics ministry, touched incidentally the South American situation in an article in the annual review of the Reich chamber of commerce. He pointed out efforts were being made to disturb German-South American relations, but expressed conviction the Latin American would be "realistic enough" to resist this campaign.

The main body of his article was devoted to a small island in the Indian Ocean in which the reich intends to create a strong economic axis stretching from the South Sea to the Black Sea.

Germany will continue to grant preferential tariffs to the countries of southeastern Europe for farm products and will pay higher prices than those in effect in world markets, he wrote.

In this further industrialization of these countries and development of their mineral wealth, he said, while trying to increase effectiveness of various economic concessions and seeking long-term trade treaties.

The Frankfurter Zeitung interpreted the Reich's trade and political moves as aimed at eliminating Germany from world commerce through the use of force. It set of a nature calculated to lead to German concessions in the matter of transfers of Jewish capital or other economic arrangements.

## Jap Bombers Improve

Have Developed Better Technique Through Much Practice

Shanghai.—Japanese aviators have developed from among the world's worst to among the best bombers through daily practice during 18 months of the Chinese-Japanese war, neutral observers say.

Military observers say that in addition to improving their marksmanship and technique through continual practice on "live targets," Japanese have:

1. Developed a greatly-improved bomb sight; 2. Improved plane construction to provide greater manoeuvrability and increase the speed of their engines; 3. Improved the manufacture of their aerial bombs.

For years foreign airmen had considered the Japanese as poor pilots and their performance during the Shanghai fighting in the fall of 1937 tended to confirm that opinion.

At Shanghai, which fell on Oct. 26, 1938, Japanese showed they had improved their bombing by 75 per cent. They were able to strike at military objectives from high altitudes with destructive results. Foreign observers there watched Japanese plane bomb General Chiang Kai-shek's headquarters and several important railway points from an estimated 12,000 feet and hit their targets.

## Sink British Ship

Three Other British Freighters Hit During Raid On Barcelona

Barcelona.—The 1,407-ton Stancor was sunk and three other British freighters were hit when insurgent planes staged two raids on Barcelona. The other ships were the Newsham, Lake Willel and Flante.

The planes attacked the port at 12:30 and again at 12:30 p.m. Anti-aircraft batteries fired steadily but the raiders dropped more than 50 bombs.

One sank the Stancor which was involved last summer in charges of gun-running for the Spanish government. Captain Stanley Scott, master of the freighter, was brought to trial at the time in Gibraltar, head of the supreme court there ruled it had no jurisdiction over the Stancor's cargo. There were no British casualties.

## Shanghai Robbery

Shanghai.—Fifteen foreign men and women were robbed of money and jewels in the biggest hold-up in the Shanghai area in years. Five armed men armed with machine guns and seven automobiles returning to the city from the American Country Club and robbed the occupants. 228

## Explorer Loses Life

Young Britisher Is Drowned In Waters Of Fox Channel

Churchill, Man.—Reynold Bray, young British explorer, was drowned last September and his companions, Patrick Baird occupied with a similar fate, when their small boat was crushed in the ice in Fox Channel near Igloolik, 200 miles within the Arctic circle, according to word received from Igloolik Bay recently.

Baird, who spent two years in the north with the British-Canadian Arctic expedition, coming out in 1937, is a nephew of Lord Tweedmouth, governor-general of Canada. He was returning north when the mishap occurred.

Word of the Arctic tragedy was brought to Repulse Bay by an Eskimo from Igloolik, 800 miles north of Churchill, northern Manitoba seaport. Baird according to the Eskimo's report, scrambled from the icy waters and made his way overland to Igloolik where he and his companion had intended to establish a main base for their expedition.

The two explorers left here Aug. 13 in the motor ship Thersa, a Roman Catholic mission supply boat, for Igloolik. Heavy ice prevented Thersa from reaching the Arctic settlement and with their supplies unable to go to a small island, the young British planners continued by small boat to their northern base. Fox Channel heavy ice was encountered and the tiny craft was trapped and crushed.

## MORE ITALIAN TROOPS USED IN FRANCO OFFENSIVE

London.—The Associated Press reported persons close to the government had indicated that when Prime Minister Chamberlain goes to Rome, Jan. 11, he will ask Premier Mussolini to withdraw additional Italian troops from Spain and inform him he can not count on British neutrality in case of serious trouble with France in Africa.

The sudden and effective reappearance of Italian Blackshirts in the van of Insurgent General Franco's Catalonia offensive and glorification of their exploits by the controlled Italian press have annoyed British officials, The Associated Press added.

Therefore, informed quarters were quoted as saying the prime minister will tell Mr. Duce that these events, together with his recent agitation in the Mediterranean, are contrary to the letter and spirit of both the Rhodanus agreement for non-intervention in Spain and the Anglo-Italian accord on Mediterranean and Spanish questions which came into force Nov. 16.

Mr. Chamberlain and the British foreign office are keeping a close watch on the Pacific clamor for French territory. The foreign office received a detailed report from its Paris embassy on movements of French and Italian troops, and the French charge d'affaires called at the foreign office to state his government's position.

## Aviation Plan

Washington.—President Roosevelt, it was reported, has approved a far-reaching program to train large numbers of youths as aviation mechanics.

## CANADIAN INDIAN THIRILLS LONDONERS

London.—A group of Canadian Indian youths, who are in London taking part in the Winter Carnival, are attracting a good deal of attention in the British Capital.

Chief Poking Fir, seen above, in his finery, specializes in hurdle jumping on snowshoes.

## LAUDS TRADE PACT

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## To Train Pilots

U.S. Has Plan For Giving Instruction To College Students

Washington.—To provide pilots to man United States fighting planes in case of emergency, the War Department approved a plan for giving a course of instruction to 20,000 college students annually.

"Only by such an approach," said a simultaneous statement from the civil aeronautics authority, "can the United States adequately safeguard itself against the vast aerial military programs now being pressed by Germany and western United States."

Both the president, who announced the plan at a press conference, and the authority, stressed that the prospective pilots would be trained first of all for civil aviation. The result, it was hoped, would be a stimulation of interest in private flying and a consequent increase in the productivity of United States aircraft factories.

Mr. Roosevelt said in answer to questions that while the instructors would be army and navy flyers there would be no training in combat tactics. However, he added, it was to be expected that a proportion of the men trained would enter the army or naval reserve forces, and receive further training.

There are in the United States today less than 5,000 military flyers, and a total of only 20,000 pilots in all fields of aviation. Thus one year's full operation of the plan would double the number of accredited United States army casualties.

## Chinese Army Casualties

Over 2,000,000 Up To November 30

Tokio.—Chinese army casualties totaling more than 2,000,000, with 823,300 soldiers killed, were reported in a communique issued by Imperial headquarters to summarize results of the first 37 months of the Sino-Japanese conflict, up to November 30. It added that 47,133 Japanese soldiers have been killed.

It claimed the Japanese have occupied 47 per cent of China proper. The population of the occupied territory was placed at 170,000,000 or 48 per cent of the total population of China.

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## Zona Gale Dies

Well-Known Writer Was Pulitzer Prize Winner In 1921

Chicago.—Zona Gale, the novelist, best known for her portrayal of life in the West, died in hospital here. She was 65.

Her first novel, "The Portage," which was her best known work, Her prolific works specialized on small town life. Hence she lived at Portage, Wis., with a population of about 6,000. She was a "typical citizen" of the town, considered a "typical" city of the middle west.

## ANALYSIS MADE OF EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS HERE

Detroit.—Half of Canada's wage earners receive 80 per cent of the national wage and the low wage class is the heaviest unemployed, R. H. Coats, Dominion statistician, told the American Statistical Association here.

Mr. Coats delivered his presidential address at the centennial banquet of the organization, and recalled that its 100 years of the association's existence this year marked the only occasion on which Canada had held that post.

On the matter of unemployment in Canada, Mr. Coats said it had surpassed the United States in 1931, when there was nearly as much unemployment per capita as in 1921, when there was no such commotion as a depression, crises there were also more employed because "in the meantime while the total gainfully occupied in Canada increased 20 per cent, the total working force was increased 30 per cent."

Further, the problem is not that all or most workers are sometimes employed and sometimes not," said Mr. Coats, "but a differentiation which is hardening into two classes—the seldom unemployed and the seldom employed. Thus the unemployed are, first, a sort of human scaffolding set aside when an expanding stage of enterprise is over; second, a series of discards as enterprise works out its operating requirements."

In 1936 certain Canadian industries had shown an increase in numbers at work while others showed a decrease. Increases aggregated 31,000, decreases 24,000.

"You would expect less unemployment in the first category," he said, "but there was not. The reason was that though the numbers at work increased, the number attached to these industries increased in equal measure. Meanwhile the industries which had 24,000 fewer jobs had actually fewer unemployed because 30,000 workers got out of them—and not, mind you, by the increasing industries."

The old were not more apt to lose their jobs; but it was harder for them, once unemployed, to get new jobs.

Canada's population had increased four times since 1850; but so also had the number of people employed.

While there were 320,000 American-born in Canada, there were 1,200,000 in the United States. The United States, mostly in clusters over the border. "Only," added Mr. Coats, "we don't call them Suburbans."

## SAY FRANCE WILL NOT CEDE ANY TERRAIN TO ITALY

Paris.—A person close to the government said France is willing to grant some colonial concessions to Italy to keep the peace of Europe but without actually yielding any land.

After putting up a strong military naval force to discourage French ambitions for territorial expansion at expense of the French empire, Premier Daladier's government was described as "ready to open diplomatic negotiations to appease the Italian hunger."

Two French warships and Bengalese troops were en route to Djibouti on the heels of rumors—denied in Rome—of an Italian thrust to French Somaliland.

Among possible subjects for negotiations were a new statute for Italian colonies in Tunisia, further concessions on the Adala Ababa-Djibouti railway and a change in direction of the Nile.

French spokesmen insisted French-Italian problems must be settled by direct negotiations between Rome and Paris rather than through London or Berlin or any four-power conference like the Munich assembly which remembered Czechoslovakia, Sept. 29.

## To Encourage Trade

Rumor That Government May Make Reduction In Sales Tax

Ottawa.—Rumors, apparently with considerable foundation, are circulating in Ottawa, that the government's budget is presented to the coming session of parliament, in addition to tariff reductions and removal of the special three per cent, excise tax on a long list of items, the much-contested eight per cent sales tax may be reduced to six per cent. Weight is lent to this report by the fact that the whole drive of the government at present is to encourage trade in every possible way. The sales tax has always been regarded as a major obstacle to a stage to reviving business.

According to these reports a report will be established by bringing in the budget early in February not more than a month after the house assembly on Jan. 12.

## Was War Commander

Brigadier-General Hugh Dyer Dies At His Home In Manitoba

Mississauga, Ont.—Brigadier-General Hugh M. Dyer, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. five times mentioned in despatches during the Great War, died here after a long illness. A prominent agriculturist, he was 78.

Born in County Dublin, Ireland, he was educated at St. John's school, New Cross, London, and came to Canada in 1881, settling in this district in 1884, where he was a school teacher. He was a member of the 5th Battalion with the rank of captain. He was twice mentioned in 1917 was made brigadier-commander of the 7th Infantry battalion. He was the first officer to command Canadian troops in the Dardanelles area of England.

He is survived by four sons, three here and Harry in British Columbia.

## To Visit U.S.

Prime Minister De Valera Of Eire Will Open Irish Exhibit At Fair

Washington.—Prime Minister De Valera of Eire, who accepted President Roosevelt's invitation to an overnight guest at the White House next May 7, will go on to New York May 10 to open the Irish exhibit at the World's Fair.

He later will visit several cities during a four-week stay in the United States.

Legation attaches said they knew of no political significance in the visit, and that it had been contemplated since 1934.

## Reported District Occupied By Japan Has Been Plundered

Shanghai.—Mr. S. Bates, professor of history at Nanking University, reported that "armed chaos" existed in the Nanking region, which the Japanese occupied Dec. 13, 1937.

The Nanking region area has been thoroughly plundered with the process continuing; pillage is common with life made miserable in a distressingly low level," Bates, an American, said in a report to the United States. He was quoted as stating that observers considered the conditions typical of conditions in other Japanese-occupied regions.

## Build Bombers In Canada

Canadian Aircraft Builders Have Contract For Planes For Royal Air Force

About 50 skilled Canadian workmen will cross the Atlantic to England shortly to learn the technical secrets of aircraft construction from Lewis O'D., Canadian production genius who leaves for Canada early in the new year to superintend construction of aeroplanes there for the Royal Air Force.

Called from his job as production director of Britain's air armament program to take over general management of Canadian Aircraft Builders Limited, the Toronto-born engineer will return to Canada in February to become active head of the firm, Canadian Aircraft Builders, formed to make bombers for Britain. Arrangements have been completed for the 57-year-old Canadian said, for the nucleus of 50 skilled Canadian craftsmen to come to England for a period of training in manufacture of the Handley Page "Hampden" heavy bombers they will later build in Canada. Mr. O'D. had a lengthy railroad career in Canada and expressed every confidence in ability of Canadian labor to turn out planes.

"My experience has been that the training of labor for a new type of mechanical production is not difficult as it sounds, and the potentialities of Canadian labor are unbounded," he told an interviewer in his busy air ministry office where he is working to clean up loose ends of the big job he is leaving.

Created with introduction of large scale mass production methods in Great Britain, Mr. O'D. had little doubt of Canada's ability to produce warplanes efficiently for Britain. He would not predict when the first Canadian-built bomber would be ready to fly to the Atlantic for delivery in London, but he said that "after the first bomber comes from the assembly plant our worries about production limits will be over. It will only remain for the air ministry to worry about getting the money to pay for our output."

Canada's initial order is for 100 of the heavy twin-engine bombers at a cost of about \$10,000,000, including plant equipment and organization costs.

## Craft Only On Paper

Man Who Designed Normandie Has Dream Of Superliner

Vladimir Yourkevitch, who designed the hull of the 80,000 ton French liner Normandie, has on his drawing board at 17 State street, New York, the plan for a super-liner of 100,000 tons, with accommodations for 5,000 passengers and an unobstructed airship runway the full 1,120 feet of its length. All that is lacking is some one to build it.

There are those who say that ships like the Queen Mary and Normandie are too large for profitable operation, but Mr. Yourkevitch is of the opinion that in the blue-printed levities he has the answer to those cynics. It will be a floating resort hotel of 2,500 cabins, offering 100 persons a day service to Europe for \$50, thus catering to an entirely new trans-Atlantic clientele, and two-week vacations of moderate means.

Instead of huge salons and ornate dining rooms, there will be a cafeteria, or self-service restaurant, with good but cheap food. The number of stewards, waiters and other ship-board employees would be limited. Mr. Yourkevitch declares that no one considers it justifiable to have, as at present, one steward and one waiter for each passenger.

In short, the superliner would be a comparable to a first-class hotel catering to the millions of middle-class people on each side of the water. A European vacation would not be out of the question for John Doe, who rides the subway if the superliner were plying the Atlantic. With two weeks and \$200 a person could afford the superliner, be in France or England within four days, spend a week seeing the sights and return home in time to catch the 7-10 for work. His fare on the Five-and-Ten liner or R.R. Automatic levathan would be only \$100 for the round trip.

Mr. Yourkevitch would like to see the United States build his dream ship. France is considering another big ship, but she is uncompromising against anything larger than 80,000 tons, which is going to be mightily small fry beside the dream vessel.

## No Cheap Souvenirs

The government at Ottawa has clamped down on any influx of cheap foreign souvenirs and other articles likely to be popular during the reign of the king and queen this year. All such articles will have to pay duty equal to double their intrinsic value.

To learn each other's language and men of the British Royal Air Force will be exchanged.

## Cradle Of Human Race

Believed By Archaeologist To Be In Central Africa

Alonso W. Pond, archaeologist and anthropologist, advances the theory that central Africa was the cradle of the human race.

His hypothesis is developed on an analysis of stone-age relics uncovered in the great desert. The mass of evidence was collected by Pond on four expeditions to Africa and is presented in a book entitled "Prehistoric Habitations of the Sahara and North Africa."

"All the major phases of the old stone age are represented in our African collections," Pond wrote. "In the heart of the Sahara we found stone tools of the most genuine type, the sort of things known to be 600,000 years old."

"There were coarse stone hatchets which could have been used to kill game at close quarters and for cutting up meat for domestic use. Their presence here in the Sahara is positive proof that the desert once was much more suitable for both man and beast than it is today."

"It appears probable from our study that prehistoric man came across the Sahara thousands of years ago and followed the river valleys which are now dry oases, or lines of oases. At the time these migrations there was, of course, much more moisture in the Sahara than now."

From the Mediterranean to the Persian River, Pond and his colleagues examined more than 700,000 pieces of flint. From the location of the discoveries, Pond said, "we are able to state that prehistoric people crossed the Sahara from the south. When they reached the Atlas Mountains in the north they moved east and west until oases were located through the range."

The "stone" migration routes led to the more fertile areas of the Barbary States where food was abundant. Eventually, man reached Europe by way of Gibraltar and came to both Europe and Asia by way of the Nile and Asia Minor."

## Helium In Canada

Quebec Medical Journal Says United States Not Monopoly

Helium can be produced in several parts of Canada, according to the Quebec Medical Journal.

The journal states that the belief that the United States has a monopoly on the gas is a fallacy. The United States is the only country producing helium, it explains, but Canada has produced the gas in the past and may do so again.

During the World War, according to the journal, deposits of gas were found and recovered in several parts of Ontario and Alberta. The development of new uses for the gas in medical science is drawing attention to the Canadian resources again, it is added.

The journal said experiments have been made in the use of helium for treating pneumonia and heart conditions and it promises to be of great aid in respiratory disease. A colorless, odorless, tasteless, non-poisonous and non-inflammable gas, helium also has other uses such as in pre-atomic welding and lighting. As there are a few ways of taking the gas, they are taking it the easy way.

Lynn, Mass., was the site of the iron ore produced in America. The first was cast into a one-quart pot which still is intact.

## Cleaver Boy Chefs

Served Christmas Dinner To School Friends And Officials

Using vegetables grown last summer in the school garden and pickles, relishes and fruit cake of their own manufacture, the members of the senior boys' vocational class at Ealing School, London, Ont., served Christmas dinner to several friends and school officials. The boys cooked the meal, set the table, served dinner and afterward washed the dishes. During the past year they grew potatoes, corn, beans, radishes, beets, carrots, peas, tomatoes, lettuce and onions.

They canned the beets, made mustard pickles, tomato juice and chili sauce, which was served as part of the Christmas dinner. They also made the fruit cake.

## A Valuable Shipment

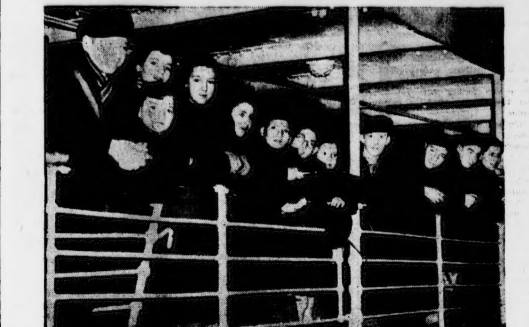
Washington Receives Hadram From New York Worth \$200,000

The new National Cancer Institute at Washington received what officials describe as the world's largest single shipment of radium.

Approximately \$200,000 worth of the precious substance, weighing only a few grams, was shipped from New York in lead containers weighing several tons.

The radium was enclosed in 1,245 hollow tins and officials will measure the content of each needle. The measuring is expected to require at least six months.

## TWO HUNDRED YOUNG JEWS REACH ENGLAND



Some of the two hundred young German Jews, the first of 5,000 who are to be brought from Germany to England. They will stay in homes near Harwich where they will stay until homes are found for them throughout the country. Each brought such clothes and personal possessions as could be found in two cases, and one mark in money.

## Important Discovery

Immunitation Of Human Beings Against Gas Gangrene

Perfringens poxoid, an antigen believed suitable for the active immunization of human beings against gas gangrene, has been developed in the Commonwealth Laboratories and the School of Hygiene, University of Toronto. Guinea pigs and two human volunteers have been subjected to tests.

Dr. Helen Plummer, research assistant, told the laboratory section of the Canadian Public Health Association, that guinea pigs and white mice responded favorably to various tests as to immunity from gas gangrene.

She said the two humans had also received injections of the formal-toluidine without harmful results but that it was too early to report on the antitoxic immunity produced in these subjects. The animals were vaccinated against the gangrene with the toxoid.

## To Train Pilots

Will Fit Men For Service On Trans-Atlantic Mail Route

Imperial Airways announced six of its pilots would start a training course to fit them for service on the new trans-Atlantic air mail route next summer.

The six men will be selected from among the captains and first officers of the company. They are to study for first class navigation tickets in the Imperial Airways School of Navigation. Later they will receive practical training under Captain James H. Cockburn, chief of the Atlantic division, who piloted the trans-Atlantic air route for Imperial Airways, making six ocean flights last summer.

An admirer of the fellow says Hitler finishes everything he touches. As there are a few ways of taking the gas, they are taking it the easy way.

Lynn, Mass., was the site of the iron ore produced in America. The first was cast into a one-quart pot which still is intact.

Street scavengers in London have been renamed "street orderlies."

London is exhibiting the 100-year-old locomotive "Lion."

## Keeping His Good Name

Honest Negro Turned Fugitive Son Over To Law

Ammie Williams is an old negro living in North Carolina. He had a son who was wanted for murder. The police had been looking for the son without success. Ammie guessed where to find him, went and got him and handed him over to the law. He did it, he said, because he wanted to keep the good name he had among the white folks.

It sometimes happens that police officers have to arrest their own kin, which must be a hard thing to do instead of tipping them off how to get away. Sometimes white people have to give up their relatives; sometimes they have waited relatives and are unable to escape. The negro, however, is generally despised by Americans, particularly down south. His standard of morality is supposed to be lower and invariably is, but here we have a negro giving up his son on the most serious crime in the calendar, knowing that if found guilty the penalty may be death, because he himself was respected by the white people and he wished to maintain his good name among them.

There is a lot of good among the colored folk. "Bad eggs" there are a plenty, but on the whole they are a deeply religious and pious race, who gave to the world those "spirituals" which have been adopted by the white religionists. When colored people "get religion" it usually sticks and many a white family has had no more faithful servant than a colored "Manny" or a "houseman" - St. Thomas Times-Journal.

## No Pictures Allowed

Photographers Are Banned From Governor-General's "Drawing"

Photographers were not allowed to "shoot" the drawing room held by the Governor-General and Lady Tweedsmuir, Jan. 15. The ban was clamped down by the Government House in instructions issued by the governor-general's secretary.

The drawing room is always held in the senate chamber, Ottawa, on the Friday night following the opening of parliament. It is a severe formal affair, at which their Excellencies receive the notables and the up-and-coming social celebrities of the country.

Last year a photograph was taken despite instructions that no pictures were to be taken and it appeared in an American picture magazine.

A tick hole is a place where the neighbors all laugh when a tightwad goes away from home forgetting to turn off the basement light.

Cantor and Pollux, the stars known as "The Twins," are about 80,000,000,000 miles apart.

Outrich eggs were used for cups in ancient times.

## SHORTHORN DISCOVERED AS GIANT OF THE SHOW



Imagine the surprised look on the faces of the two young ladies above when they encountered the Shorthorn, from Foulness Isle, Essex, which was acclaimed as giant of the show. They are seen above, trying to guess its weight for the weight-guessing competition. The Shorthorn is 8 feet high, 12 feet 6 inches long, 11 feet around the girth, 1200 is thought to be the largest Shorthorn in the world. It was exhibited at the Smithfield Fat Stock Show at the Royal Agricultural Hall, London.

## Faith In The West

Can No One Doubt That Western Canada Has A Bright Future

There has been a great deal of information concerning the conditions in Western Canada, which has been given public expression in addresses in newspapers and on the radio. A considerable proportion of this has not been based on just examination in quest of facts. A lot of it has been based on a desire to influence public opinion. What is now wanted is the truth.

In the long run there can be no doubt that Western Canada has a bright future. A land that can produce such an abundance of food certainly can never be classified as a useless one. The short range picture may not be so pleasant. Amid the international turmoil and the trend to nationalistic policies on the part of several great European nations there has been created a disturbance that has resulted in a decline in world trade and particularly in wheat. Only the most pessimistic can conclude that this condition is permanent and long. Eventually the desire for low-priced food of good quality will make itself felt in Europe and elsewhere. The means of production of wheat must be drafted to sustain agriculture over a trying period when self-interest is dominating.

The people of the west should realize that such a problem as the one now confronting them requires time to produce adequate remedial measures. Premier Bracken is making praiseworthy efforts to get the west united in an effort to solve its most difficult problem. Once that unity is achieved west will be at least on the verge of being the Great West - Calgary Herald.

## A Picturesque Ruin

Tower Of Elgin Cathedral Was Dedicated 400 Years Ago

It was 400 years ago since the great cathedral of Elgin, a fine world-famed cathedral, "The Lantern of the North," was dedicated. To-day the cathedral is one of the most picturesque of old Scottish ruins.

The cathedral was dedicated to St. Andrew on August 1, 1224, by Bishop Andrew de Moravia, who held his position at the cathedral of Moray in Elgin until 1242. The church passed through many vicissitudes from that time until it became a total ruin in 1560. The ruins are a fine example of Gothic architecture adapted to stone in Europe.

It suffered destruction by fire in 1242 and again in 1270, but was immediately restored to an even more magnificent building.

In 1560 "The school of Badernoch," as an act of revenge set fire to the priceless gem, and practically destroyed the whole structure. The cathedral was finally restored towards the end of 1558 and was rededicated in November of that year by the religious bishop-Bishop Patrick Hepburn.

After a lapse of only thirty years, in 1590 "The school of Badernoch" of Huntly to "take the lead from the roofs of the cathedrals of Aberdeen and Elgin and sell the same" for the maintenance of the school of Huntly. The rafters were blown down in 1638 and the foundations of the central tower were destroyed on Easter Sunday in the year 1711.

For the next hundred years the ruin was treated as a local quarry from which anybody was at liberty to take stones for building purposes. It was not until 1869 that a wall was erected round the ruined cathedral and a general clean-up begun. Now the wall has been removed and replaced by an open railing, while the ruin is under the care of H. M. Office of Works. Thousands of visitors inspect the ruins every year.

## Books For Rural Districts

Libraries Are Available To Settlers In British Columbia

Under the Union Libraries scheme the residents of three rural districts in British Columbia can keep up with their city cousins in the world of literature.

Book-lenders were operated by the Union trustee over highways on Vancouver Island and in the Okanagan and Fraser Valleys. Any municipality or rural school district can participate if the scheme is approved by a majority vote in a plebiscite.

The vans ply from headquarters, usually the largest town in the district. Roadside stops are made at points where settlers can come to change their books. Some central homes are used as deposit stations, where basic collections are maintained. The larger communities operate branch libraries.

To solve a market gap of obsolete radios, Saint John, N.B., dealers decided to have hundreds of old sets hauled to the top of historic Fort Howe and burned in a huge bonfire.



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"The chief's secretary's typewriter  
is rattling terribly."

"That's the typewriter—it's the  
chief's teeth. The auditors are examin-  
ing the books."

"Pardon me, but I noticed at dinner  
that your husband smacks his lips  
quite loudly when he eats. Believe me,  
that's one thing my husband never  
does."

"No, I suppose not. There is a differ-  
ence in cooking, you know."

Uncle—And how do you like school,  
Johnny?

Johnny—Closed, Uncle.

Janey—Mother, do you remember  
that old vase you said had been hand-  
ed down from generation to genera-  
tion?

Mother—Yes, dear, it's very valua-  
ble.

Janey—Well, this generation just  
dropped it.

Go—Did you get hurt when you  
were on the eleven?

Hayton—No, it happened while the  
eleven were on me.

Mrs. Duff—You know, Herbert, you  
said that when we were married I  
should have all the servants I wanted.  
Duff: And so you shall my dear—  
one at a time.

Meeker—I read in the papers that  
science has discovered that singing  
worn the blood.

Stockman—I don't doubt that at  
all. I've heard singing that made my  
blood boil.

Fifer—What makes DeGroot such a  
winer here?

Zeele—Every night he stays out late  
his wife pumps him.

Snubby—Well, sir, what did you find  
out about my family tree?

General—That the entire crop  
was a failure.

Proud father (showing triplets)—  
What do you think of them?

Visiting Stockman (pointing to the  
middle one): I'd keep that one.

## A GOOD SUGGESTION

(Calgary Daily Herald)

Among the promising proposals dis-  
cussed at Winnipeg last week was one  
that a Western Canada division of the  
National Research Council should be  
established at once to conduct research  
into new uses for wheat and other  
farm products. The provision of up-  
date laboratories at some point in the  
prairie provinces was urged.

This has been followed by the sug-  
gestion of the North-West Grain Dea-  
lers' Association that an international  
research laboratory should be set up  
in London, staffed by internationally  
famous cereal chemists, to seek a so-  
lution of the recurring wheat surplus  
problem.

This latest plan to find new indus-  
trial uses for wheat and other grains  
includes, as well as a central labora-  
tory in London, the establishment of  
similar research facilities in all coun-  
tries where the disposal of wheat has  
become a national problem. Canada  
is thus giving the lead in a movement  
that promises rich results. For it is  
recognized that untold world wheat  
surpluses may be here to stay for a  
long time unless radical measures are  
adopted to discover other uses for  
wheat.

Jack—Didn't she let you kiss her?  
Bob—Oh, heavens, no! She isn't that  
kind.

Jack—She was to me.

Norman—There seem to be more  
girls on this picnic than boys.

Ruth—Yes, the petting odds are two  
to one.

Landlord—I'm raising your rent  
next month, Mrs. Stutcher.

Mrs. Stutcher—Oh, I'm so glad to  
hear that, for I don't see how on earth  
I shall be able to raise it myself.

Boogy—Where did you absorb those  
few fine principles of yours—at your  
mother's knee?

Woogy—No, over my father's.



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